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Air Force Research Lab partners with New Mexico Tech

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KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Directed Energy Directorate and New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology signed a Cooperative Optics Research and Education (CORE) Partnership agreement on June 14, which will promote the education of a new generation of optical scientists and engineers.

New opportunities will be provided to members of both organizations allowing collaboration on optics research and education topics of interests to New Mexico's federal laboratories and defense communities.

Per the agreement, students will be provided access to state-of-the-art technologies and equipment for research and study,

insight into Air Force and Department of Defense needs, and opportunities for joint research. The partnership also fosters the development of strategic technology transfer to strengthen U.S. industrial and economic competitiveness.

AFRL will supply optical coating, fabrication, and testing equipment while New Mexico Tech will furnish educators, students, classrooms, and laboratory space.

Partnership's managers are Mr. Roger Ramsey, manager of the Optical Components Engineering Program Manager at the Directed Energy Directorate, and Dr. David Westpfahl of New Mexico Tech's Physics Department. @